

Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church



August 14, 2022 – Tenth Sunday of Pentecost

SERVICE THEME:

HARD TRUTH: WE WANT PEACE, BUT GOD'S WORD DIVIDES

Beautiful Savior

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



Serving all people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Welcome-- We are glad you could join us today! It is our hope that this service is a blessing to you. Please join us for worship again soon.

- Please save the last two rows of pews for parents with small children.
- Parents with little ones: If your child becomes restless during the service, that's okay... We're glad they're here, and Jesus is pleased when they are brought to hear his Word: "Let the little children come to me." If you need to be with your child in the Fellowship Hall, the service can be heard through a speaker.
- Five minutes before the worship service begins the usher will light the candles. This is our signal to quiet down and prepare our hearts for worship.
- Restrooms are conveniently located to the left as you exit the sanctuary.
- Please silence your cell phone before the start of the service.

PRAYER FOR WORSHIP

Lord God, in your merciful love you have given me precious promises about my life and my future. Preserve me from the doubts that assail me and increase my faith. When life confuses or disturbs me, teach me to fix my eyes on Jesus and to stand firm in his promise to uphold and deliver me. Amen.

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590 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

CW 590 sts. 1-2



1 O Ho - ly Spir - it, en - ter in and in our hearts
 2 Give to your Word im - pres - sive pow'r that in our hearts



your work be - gin, your dwell - ing place now make us.
 from this good hour as fire it may be glow - ing,



Sun of the soul, O Light di - vine, a - round and in
 that in true Chris - tian u - ni - ty we faith - ful wit -



us bright - ly shine, to joy and glad - ness wake us
 ness - es may be, your glo - ry ev - er show - ing.



that we may be tru - ly liv - ing, to you giv - ing
 Hear us, cheer us by your teach - ing; let our preach - ing



prayer un - ceas - ing and in love be still in - creas - ing.
 and our la - bor praise you, Lord, and serve our neigh - bor.

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In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Confession

We have entered into God's house and are standing on holy ground. However, our sins make us unworthy to stand here and they separate us from our God. So, let us ask God to have mercy on us and to forgive our sins.

Dear Father in heaven, I confess that I have been a sinner from birth and in countless ways I have sinned against you. By what I have thought, by what I have said, and by what I have done and failed to do, I have angered you and do not deserve to be standing here today. Instead, I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But according to your great mercy and love, hear my prayer and forgive me.

God has loved you and the whole world. He does not want anyone to be lost. So, he sent his Son to save sinners like you and me. Jesus lived a perfect life for you and he died to fully wash away your sins. Whoever believes in him has eternal life. Do you believe this?

Yes, I believe!

Sons and daughters of the heavenly Father, be of good cheer. Your sins are forgiven. You are justified by the blood of Jesus. You are at peace with God. Now let us worship him with joyful and attentive hearts.

Amen.

590 O Holy Spirit, Enter In

CW 590 st. 3

3 O might - y Rock, O Source of life, let your dear Word,
in doubt and strife, in us be strong - ly burn - ing
that we be faith - ful un - to death and live in love
and ho - ly faith, from you true wis - dom learn - ing.
Your grace and peace on us show - er; by your pow - er
Christ con - fess - ing, let us see our Sav - ior's bless - ing.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a '3' indicating a triplet. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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The Word

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:23–29

²³“Am I only a God nearby,”
declares the LORD,

“and not a God far away?”

²⁴Who can hide in secret places
so that I cannot see them?”

declares the LORD.

“Do not I fill heaven and earth?”

declares the LORD.

²⁵“I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ ²⁶How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds?

²⁷They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD.

²⁹“Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

4A Answer Me When I Call

Psalm 4A

Refrain



An-swer me when I call, my God; you a-lone keep my life se-cure.

Tone



Answer me when I / call to you,
my / righteous God.

Give me relief from / my distress;
have mercy on me and / hear my prayer. *Refrain*

Tremble and / do not sin;
when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be / silent.
Offer the sacrifices of the / righteous
and trust / in the LORD. *Refrain*

Many, LORD, are asking, "Who will bring us pros- / perity?"

Let the light of your face / shine on us.

In peace I will lie / down and sleep,
for you alone, LORD, make me dwell in / safety.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

**as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain***

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Gospel

Luke 12:49–53

⁴⁹“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵²From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

Children's Devotion *Ages 3 through grade 5 are invited to come forward for a Bible lesson.* Children's

Church During *the service, parents may choose to take their children (ages 2-5) to Children's Church. There they will hear a Bible story, and sing songs. They will return to the sanctuary during the offering.*

716 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

CW 716



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and fol - low you, for -
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve the truth for a - ges sealed, whose
 3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they'd nev - er trod to
 4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, the mar - tyrs' strength and song, the



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways for ven - tures bold and new:
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, the ways of God re - vealed:
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim the near - er reign of God:
 cru - ci - fied and ris - en King to whom the saints be - long:



grant us to hear your call to risk se - cur - i - ty and,
 in - struct us now, we pray, by your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
 send us on ways where faith tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, where
 though gen - er - a - tions pass, our trib - ute still we bring, our



bound in heart and will to you, find per - fect lib - er - ty.
 teach - er, be for all who seek their light, their life, their Lord.
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains both life and min - is - try.
 hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, our lives an of - fer - ing.

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Sermon

Hebrews 12:1–13

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

⁴In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says,

“My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline,
and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,
⁶because the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.”

⁷Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father? ⁸If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live! ¹⁰They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

¹²Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees. ¹³“Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

“Fix your eyes on Jesus”

Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Offering *“We love because he first loved us.” 1Jn 4:19 God’s love in sending Jesus to live, to suffer, and to die for each of us motivates the members of Beautiful Savior to show their love and thanks by returning a portion of their income to the Lord. Through these free will offerings, this congregation and its ministries are maintained.*

*Offerings are collected in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary.
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Prayer of the Church

Eternal Father, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. You inspired the Scriptures for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that your servants might be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Lead us to love your Word more and more and to receive your message with great eagerness.

You have given us your Word that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. Enable us to see the wonders of your love in Christ from the beginning to the end of your holy book.

Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

Work in all your people, especially in parents, the resolve and patience to teach little children the simple truths about the Savior who loves them. Walk with us as we take our children to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. Let them find Jesus in stories, songs, and prayers.

Move us to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Provide wisdom and commitment to teachers who train our young people in Sunday Schools and youth Bible classes. Deepen their knowledge of your Word as they prepare and share the lessons they teach. Move them to model a sincere devotion to the Scriptures.

Lead us to plan for and support the Christian training of children.

We thank you for enabling our congregation to provide Christ-centered, Preschool education for our children. We know our schools are your special blessing, and we pray for the resolve to establish and maintain standards of excellence in all aspects of education. Move us to be generous in our offerings so that teachers may teach and students may learn in fitting surroundings.

Lead us to provide Christian schools that reflect the immensity of your love.

Bless the schools and teachers who prepare public ministers of the gospel for service in our churches and around the world. Lead teachers and professors to be faithful to your Word and provide insights that enable them to pass on your truth to their students. Ignite the zeal of young men and women to be willing and eager to share the truths of Scripture with others. Move us to support with our prayers and gifts the schools our synod has established.

We pray that you send workers in your harvest fields.

Work in us that we may find the lasting value of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Lead us to be faithful in our personal study of the Scriptures and in participating in regular Bible classes. Rid us of all thoughts that Christian education ends in our youth. Make us life-long students of your precious Word.

Lead us to believe that at every age your Word remains a lamp for our feet and a light to our path.

How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your Word. Even when we are old and gray, lead us to meditate on your decrees that we may delight in your wonderful deeds.

Do good to your servants, Lord, according to your Word. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom

and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen.

870 O Church Arise

CW 870



1 O Church, a - rise and put your ar - mor on; hear the
 2 Our call to war— to love the cap - tive soul, but to
 3 Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
 4 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give—



call of Christ our cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the
 Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may run with faith to



they are strong in the strength that God has giv - en.
 wound - ed whole we will fight with faith and val - or.
 neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en!
 win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful.



With shield of faith and belt of truth we'll stand a -
 When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
 And as the stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e -
 As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing



gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold whose bat - tle
 out - come is se - cure; and Christ will have the prize for
 merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
 tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger



cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
which he died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
till the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in glo - ry.

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Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and ✝ give you peace.

Amen.

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, you nourish my faith with the good news that you have forgiven my sins in Christ. Let the gospel be proclaimed by all who come to worship today: by ministers called to preach the gospel, by musicians who adorn the gospel with beauty, and by all who proclaim the gospel in song and prayer. Let the miracle of your forgiving love touch my heart and the hearts of all.

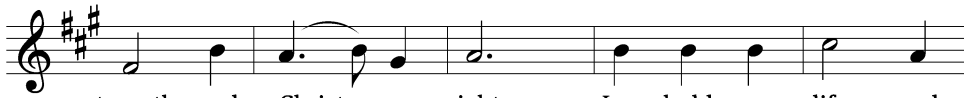
Amen.

876 Fight the Good Fight

CW 876



1 Fight the good fight with all your might; Christ is your
2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up your
3 Cast care a - side, lean on your guide; his bound-less
4 Faint not nor fear, his arms are near; he chang - es



strength and Christ your right. Lay hold on life, and
eyes and seek his face. Life with its way be -
mer - cy will pro - vide. Lean, and the trust - ing
not, and you are dear. On - ly be - lieve, and



it shall be your joy and crown e - ter - nal - ly.
fore us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
you will see that Christ is Lord e - ter - nal - ly.

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Setting One from Christian Worship

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Next Week's Worship

Our theme for worship: “*Hard Truth: The First will be Last, The Last will be First.*” Our readings will be: Isaiah 66:18-24, Hebrews 12:18-24, Luke 13:22-30. We will sing the following hymns: 621 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, 798 I Lay My Sin on Jesus, 718 Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road, 607 Ten Thousand Reasons.

THIS WEEK AT BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR

† Today	9:30am Sunday School Kick-off! 10:30am Worship
† Monday	Preschool begins
† Wednesday	11:30am Lunch Bunch No Mid-week Bible Study
† Thursday	5:30pm Nurture & Outreach/Pumpkin Patch Meeting
† Sunday	9:30am Sunday School 10:30am Worship

The Next Step-Bible Information Class

Would you like the opportunity to grow deeper in what God's Word has to say? We will soon be starting our newest Bible Information Class. It is an overview of God's Word and also serves as our pre-membership class. It will meet in the sanctuary following the Sunday service. Questions? Please speak with Pastor Holz.

Summer Wednesday Bible Study

Join us as we continue our new mid-week Bible Study on “Heroes of Faith”, a study of Hebrews chapter 11. We will look at some great personalities from the Old Testament like Abraham, Moses, and David. We will examine their great moments of faith, and some epic failures too! And we will examine what great faith means for today. Join us in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesdays at 7pm.

Kitchen Help Needed

We have a wonderful fellowship time with food and drink following our worship. But we are in need of volunteers to help out in the kitchen with providing the set-up and clean up for the snacks. If you would like to help out please speak with Mary Daniel or Pastor Holz.

Claim Your Mug

In an effort to declutter our coffee mug rack in the kitchen, we are asking all to stop by and claim your coffee mug from the counter by putting it onto the wall rack. This will let us know that it is actively being used. Mugs will remain on the counter through August before they move on. Thank you for helping us keep our kitchen organized and functional!

Lunch Bunch

This Wednesday, August 17 at 11:30am, lunch will be served here at church for our older and/or retired members and friends. ***If you would like to attend please sign up so the hosts can get an accurate headcount for the meal preparations.*** A free will offering will be taken to cover the cost of the meal. After the meal there will be a short devotion. If you have questions, please talk with Doris Harvey or Pastor Holz.

New Worship Series

Sunday, August 21 Hard Truth: The First Will Be Last; The Last Will be First
Sunday, August 28 Hard Truth: The Humble Will Be Exalted; the Exalted Will Be Humbled
Sunday, September 4 Hard Truth: Put Down What You Love: Pick Up What You Loathe
Sunday, September 11 Hard Truth: The Found are Left; the Lost are Found
Sunday, September 18 Hard Truth: Serve God with Money; You Can't Serve God and Money
Sunday, September 25 Hard Truth: What Seems to Help in Life Foils in Death; What Seems to Fail in Life Helps in Death

Sunday School Kick-Off-August 14

Fall Sunday School for all ages kicks off today Sunday, August 14. Adults will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am and kids ages 3 and up will meet in the Sanctuary and then go to their separate classes. Join in!

Fall Sunday School (Adults)

Today we will begin a Bible Study called "The Gospel to Share." In this Bible Study we will look at key Bible truths taught in the Bible (like forgiveness, heaven, etc.) and how we can relate to those key truths and apply to our own lives and then how to share them with others. You need to know nothing, bring nothing, and come for some time in the Word of God. We meet Sundays in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30. Coffee is available at 9!

Sunday School Teachers Needed

We are needing to add 3-4 Sunday School teachers to our Sunday rotations. All teaching material and supplies are provided. We are needing volunteers to start Sunday, August 14. Please consider helping our children grow in God's Word. Please see Jennifer Geer or Pastor Holz for more details.



Save the date=Everyone Outreach Seminar

Beautiful Savior will be hosting a weekend seminar that will help us build a culture of outreach so that every member and every ministry at Beautiful Savior is thinking about participating in outreach. The dates of the seminar are Saturday, October 1 and Sunday, October 2. There will be a short video after church this morning that will help explain what the program is about.



Prayer List

Thank the Lord for the safe return of all the soldiers who recently came home and all soldiers and their families who are facing deployment. Please keep in your prayers this week all soldiers who are currently deployed. Please also remember: Josh Carter, friend of Adam Holz (recovery from car accident); Ed Scarano (cancer diagnosis and treatment); Marcella Salter Griffin, friend of Marcia Schilling (stage 4 cancer); Mark Schwarm, friend of Gael Irizarry (pancreatic cancer); Stacy Schroeder, daughter of Jeff & Eileen Cleveland (melanoma diagnosis); Marci Heady, friend of Johnson family (brain tumor); Andy Hudson, friend of Mac McCoo (pneumonia & Covid); Jimmy Straw (health & wellness); Autumn Potter & family, friends of Jessica Boulter (death of sister); Nicole Petersen (Covid); Debbie Cheben, friend of Deb White (Stage 4 pancreatic cancer); Emerson Kate Hogrefe, infant great-granddaughter of Mrs. Trusty (seriously ill); Aimee Gerhardt, sister in law of Jessica Church (breast cancer); Roger Chism, friend of Hilde Fox (diverticulitis); Steven Owens, father of Mark Owens, (cancer); Kathy Temple (cancer reoccurrence); Steven Smith, son of Mrs. Trusty (recovery from COVID-19); Eric Smith, friend of Tim Donner (kidney surgery & complications); Mason Arkell, grandson of Marga Arkell (soldier-keep safe); Brandon Vannoy, friend of Mac McCoo (seizures); Sheila Lynch, sister of Gayle Brooks (unable to walk); Drake Robideau, friend of Mary Daniel (strength & wellness); Mike LaFave (back problems); Linda Thomas, sister of Gayle Brooks, (physical rehab after injury); Rick Koch, Step-Father of Jessica Church (knee replacement/complications); Ruth Amorth, twin sister of Hilde Fox (seriously ill); Gary Davis, husband of Angela Davis (seizures); Gidget Tate (Health issues); Maria Sauer, Friend of Karin Galvin. If you would like to have a name or situation included or if you would like to give an update on a prayer request, please contact Pastor Holz or call the church office at 931-905-1400.

Attendance and Offerings Summary

	Last Week	
Worship Attendance	84	
Thru Wednesday 08/10/22	Weekly Offerings	
General Funds	\$4,309.10	
Special Offerings	\$0.00	
Reserved Offerings, Building Funds, Preschool, etc.	\$108.81	
Offerings Total	\$4,417.91	YTD
Available for General Use	\$4,309.10	\$116,159.54
2022 BUDGET NEEDS	\$5,134.32	\$164,298.24

Serving in God's House

Ushers:

(10:30am) David Johnson & Ernie Rautter

Greeters: Doris Harvey & Mac McCoo

Kitchen: Ingeborg Haught, Mary Daniel

Piano: Deb White

Fellowship: Families H-M

Next week's ushers:

(10:30am) Daniel Lane & Josh Geer

Greeters: Art & Sandy Ebinger

Kitchen: Christa Rautter, Charmaine Smith, Mary Daniel

Piano: Barb Noon

Fellowship: Families N-S